

County of Lane Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
July 16, 2019

Thomas (Tom) Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Community Room. Those attending were: Diana Paris-Commissioner, Kiley Beach-Commissioner, Dale Pike-County Attorney, Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk, Shane Root, Tonia Root, Tasha Root, Dennis Selfridge, Mark Callender, Denise Callender and Sherri Ehmke.

Tom Bennett explained the intent of this special meeting. Dale Pike read; Lane County Commissioner's Notice of Intent to sell and notice of public meeting: On July 16th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. the Lane County Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting in the Community Room at the Lane County Courthouse for comment on their intent to sell real estate located at the Lane County Airport pursuant to K.S.A. 19-211(a)(4). The tracts shall be offered, with terms to be negotiated, as follows: Tract 1: Craig Woodley; 5 acres at \$2,000.00 per acre. Tract 2: Shane Root; approximately 2 acres at \$2,000.00 per acre. Tract 3: Dennis Selfridge and Mark Callender; 1 acre at \$2,000.00 per acre. Tract 4: Logan Campbell; up to 1 acre at \$2,000.00 per acre. Commissioners are not selling the airport. Pike explained the process of the meeting.

Shane Root shared what boards he is currently serving on. Root presented the deed from Lane County Airport Association to the City of Dighton/County of Lane. He explained the deed states there needs to be five people on the Airport Board and currently there are not five on the board. He is concerned about the airport ground being sold because of the discrepancy on grants from the State of Kansas. If the whole airport is not sold and only tracts are sold, it becomes a problem with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Root stated he was not allowed to build a loading pad on airport property in the past and now he has the only loading pad in Lane County that is located on his property. He was told he cannot build on the airport ground per a letter sent from Dale Pike. Root has requested a lease for the land in the past so he can put insurance on his buildings and has not received one to this date. Root does not understand why the Commission wants to sell airport ground when nothing can be built on it.

Dennis Selfridge stated he does not know anything about the airport being sold, as he understands-it is not for sale. Selfridge discussed Craig Woodley's business coming into the County. Selfridge addressed the issue of the EPA agreement with the County. He clarified the County does have an agreement with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) that covers two acres building of residence where Root's hangers are located. Selfridge stated he would rather purchase land than renew a 3-4 year lease with different Commissioners. He would also like to have the opportunity to have fuel. Root understands Selfridge's concerns but he has been denied a lease for several years and does not believe selling the land is right. A discussion was held on who pays for the electricity out at the airport.

Commission took a break from 9:16 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

At 9:46 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for forty minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. At 10:26 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Jacob Cunningham by phone call. Tom Bennett recused himself.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m., Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held August 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Thomas J. Bennett, Chairperson